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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEE BOAT CASES: NEW AND POTENTIAL ARRIVALS I

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1. LOCAL PRESS HERE HAS REPORTED, AND UNHCR OFFICE (MISS FRASER)

CONFIRMS, TWO NEW BOAT CASES HAVE ARRIVED OR ARE EN ROUTE

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MALAYSIAN PORTS. FIRST GROUP OF 37 ARRIVED KUALA TRENGGANU,

TRENGGANU STATE, ON EAST COAST OF MALAYSIA, SEPT 9, ABOARD SMALL FISHING VESSEL, HAVING LEFT SAIGON SEPT 2. ACCORDING NEWS REPORTS THEY ARE "IN TRANSIT TO THE UNITED STATES." SECOND GROUP, NUMBERING 57 PERSONS, IS ABOARD CARGO VESSEL IDENTIFIED AS THE "MIGHTY", OF JAPANESE REGISTRY. ACCORDING AP WIRESERVICE ITEM DATED BANGKOK SEPT 12, THEY HAD BEEN REFUSED LANDING IN THAILAND BY THAI AUTHORITIES AND NOW ARE HEADING TOWARD MALAYSIA. LOCAL TV NEWSCAST SAID REFUGEES INCLUDED 11 MEN, 11 WOMEN AND 35 CHILDREN.

2. UNHCR OFFICE HERE HAS RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF FIRST GROUP'S ARRIVAL AT KUALA TRENGGANU, WHERE NUMBER OF REFUGEES FROM EARLIER BOATS ARE HOUSED, BUT HAS RECEIVED NO FURTHER DETAILS. UNHCR BANGKOK HAS ALERTED UNHCR HERE ABOUT GROUP ABOARD THE "MIGHTY" WHICH IS DUE TO ARRIVE PORT KLANG LATE TOMMORROW (SEPT 14) OR EARLY SEPT 15. REFUGEES APPARENTLY HAD FILLED OUT INTERVIEW FORMS WHILE IN THAT WATERS FROM WHICH IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT SEVERAL ABOARD, POSSIBLY FOUR FAMILIES, HAVE TIES WITH U.S., INCLUDING IMMEDIATE RELATIVES. UNHCR OFFICE ATTEMPTING ALERT LOCAL MISSIONS (FRENCH, U.S. AND POSSIBLY OTHERS) OF VESSEL'S PENDING ARRIVAL. MISS FRASER HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE "MIGHTY" WILL BE AT PORT KLANG FOR ONLY A DAY AND WILL PROCEED FROM THERE TO EITHER BUTTERWORTH (OPPOSITE PENANG) OR SINGAPORE, AND THENCE TO INDONESIA, KARACHI AND AMSTERDAM. POSSIBILITY EXISTS EFFORT MAY BE MADE TO TRANSFER REFUGEES TO VESSEL RETURNING TO JAPAN, BUT JAPANESE AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN OBTAINED, MISS FRASER ADDED.

3. NO WORD YET ON BOAT CARRYING CAMBODIAN REFUGEES (REF B).

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT SEND AN OFFICER TO PORT KLANG TO INTERVIEW REFUGEES UPON ARRIVAL.  
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